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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN UN SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM
AND FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL BOERMA

SUMMARY. UN SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM AND FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL BOERMA WORKED OUT BETWEEN THEM AN AGREEMENT ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECRETARIAT OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, UNDER WHICH DR. JOHN HANNAH'S APPOINTMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL BE INDEFINITE RATHER THAN TEMPORARY, AND HE WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO UN SECRETARY-GENERAL. END SUMMARY

1. FAO DEPUTY DIRECTOR JACKSON AND WORLD FOOD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOHN HANNAH REPORT THAT UN SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM AND FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL RESOLVED THEIR DIFFERENCES FEBRUARY 11 ON SECRETARIAT FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL BY AGREEING THAT HANNAH CONTINUE INDEFINITELY AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. (COMMENT: THIS WAS WALDHEIM'S PROPOSAL. THERE MAY BE COMPLAINTS ABOUT IT FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY SINCE DR. HANNAH HAD ASSURED THEM IN RECENT DAYS THAT HE WAS APPOINTED ON TEMPORARY BASIS, FOR FOUR TO SIX MONTHS. DR. HANNAH NOW TALKS OF SERVING THROUGH INITIAL AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, I.E., THROUGH ELECTION OF FAO DIRECTOR-

GENERAL IN NOVEMBER. IN OPINION OF OFFICE OF U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO, THIS DECISION MAY PROVE HIGHLY BENEFICIAL IN SMOOTHING OVER CONTROVERSY OVER WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SECRETARIAT AND ITS STAFF, BUT IT MAY BE NECESSARY AT SOME POINT TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR SUCCESSOR, PROBABLY FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRY.)

2. CONTRARY TO BOERMA'S REQUEST, DR. HANNAH WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO UN SECRETARY-GENERAL, NOT THROUGH FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL. (COMMENT: US REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO BELIEVES IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ABSURD TO PERMIT FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO ALTER OR WITHHOLD REPORTS OF HEAD OF SECRETARIAT OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. ON OTHER HAND, HE SHOULD AS MATTER OF COURSE GIVE COPIES TO FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL.)

3. PAY LEVEL OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL IS TO BE UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL.

4. BOERMA PROPOSED THAT AZIZ BE ALTERNATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. WALDHEIM REJECTED THIS. AZIZ WILL BE DEPUTY, CO-EQUAL WITH KOSSKY (U.S.), ALTHOUGH FAO WILL INCREASE AZIZ' PAY LEVEL TO THAT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL, AND KOSSKY WILL REMAIN AT D-2 LEVEL.

5. FAO WILL ALSO PROVIDE DUTIA (INDIA), GREENFIELD (BRITISH), AND BESHAI (EGYPT) AS SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL, AND PAY THEM, AND WILL PAY ONE-HALF OF SALARIES OF OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND SECRETARIAL PERSONNEL.

6. WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SECRETARIAT WILL BE HOUSED IN FAO HEAD-QUARTERS. REQUEST TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO LOOK FOR SEPARATE SPACE HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

7. HANNAH DEPARTED ROME FEBRUARY 12 TO ATTEND FERTILIZER MEETING IN ALABAMA FEBRUARY 13, AND THEREAFTER EXPLAIN TO HIS WIFE THAT THEY WILL RESIDE IN ROME NOT UNITED STATES. HIS CHIEF-DE-CABINET, ALAN VIDAL-NAQUET, WILL DEPART ROME FEBRUARY 13. BOTH WILL RETURN TO ROME ABOUT MARCH 1. VOLPE

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